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NETWORK AND METHOD OF HANDLING DATA IN THE
COMPUTER SYSTEM

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the foreign patent document listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and is accompanied by the following certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e):

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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§1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied by an English language abstract of the reference.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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